

IN AN ARTISTIC WAY

George E. Thomas of Carroll Shuffles Into the Great Unknown.

IT WAS A RAZOR HE USED

He Didn't Want to Dirty the Room—No Cause Known for the Awful Deed.

George E. Thomas committed suicide by cutting his throat in his room at the boarding house of A. M. Walker at Carroll some time during yesterday afternoon. No cause can be assigned for the commission of the rash act, and no letters of any description could be found touching on the sad matter.

The body was found lying in the bed by Julia Holter, a chambermaid, at about 5:45 o'clock. The girl at once summoned Mr. Walker, who hastened to the room and found that the man was quite dead, and from all appearances had been dead for some time. His head was propped up by a coat and vest and two pillows, all of which were covered with blood as were also the blankets and mattress. Mr. Walker telephoned to Judge Rockwell, who hastened to the place, and after viewing the remains ordered the body removed to Elbert's undertaking rooms, where an inquest will be held to-day.

Thomas took rather a novel way of killing himself, and was very careful not to put the room in any more disorder than was necessary. The weapon used was an ordinary razor, and the deed was committed while standing in front of a mirror. He used the razor with great precaution and made a most effective job of it. He had previously placed a cuspidor in such a position on the floor that the blood flowed into it until it was full, when he evidently walked to his bed and lay down in the position in which he was found and allowed his life blood to slowly ebb away without making the slightest noise. Judging from the gash, which was one and one-half inches long and one inch deep, nothing but the point of the razor was used, but so true and steady was his hand that the jugular vein on the right side of the neck was completely severed.

When found the unfortunate man was attired in nothing but a suit of underclothing, while hanging on the wall was found a vest covered with blood, and under the bed was found a white shirt which was also covered with clotted blood. As the blood had not dried on these clothes the inference is that he removed them together with his trousers, which were found on the floor by the bedside, after he had accomplished the fatal act.

Thomas had worked in the smelter at the lower works during the winter months for the past three years, and during the summer months he spent his time working at different jobs in Anaconda and prospecting. In the early part of the past winter he was permanently employed in the smelter, but left shortly after the first of the year, returning to Carroll a little over a month ago, but was not successful in securing steady employment.

During the past week he did not work at all, and nothing strange was noticed in his actions except that he spent the greater part of his time in his room and wore a large handkerchief around his neck. A few days ago Mary Martin, a chambermaid at the house, asked him if it was because of a sore neck that he wore the handkerchief, to which he replied in the affirmative and indulged in a peculiar laugh, more like that of a maniac than a thoroughly sane man.

The best explanation for his having worn the handkerchief about his neck in the presence of a deep gash under his left ear, which would indicate that he had attempted suicide before. The wound could not have been made more than a day or two, as no signs of healing could be detected, though a small spot of dried blood was found immediately under the gash.

In a valise which stood partly open under his bed was found a quantity of old clothing which was covered with dried blood, and it is thought the blood found on these clothes emitted from the gash which he made a few days ago, evidently with the intention of ending his career. In an old sock was also found blood stained clothes, and on his wastebasket was a portion of a towel rolled into a ball which was literally saturated with blood.

Fred Stohl occupied a bed in the same room with Thomas during the past month, but says he was not acquainted with him, nor even knowing his name. He says Thomas was regular in his habits and at all times acted as rationally as anybody. He said Thomas was a very distant sort of a fellow and scarcely ever conversed with him. Stohl said he noticed blood stains on the floor on Monday morning, but thought Thomas had been lancing a boil or something of the sort which he supposed was on his neck. He did not feel sufficiently interested in the discovery to ask Thomas for an explanation, nor did he enquire what was the matter with his neck. He said Thomas was a man who did very little corresponding, but he noticed him writing a letter two days ago, but did not know to whom it was addressed.

Among the effects of the deceased man was found 90 cents, some old correspondence, a copy of the Old Testament and a number of photos of himself. Among the correspondence was found a letter from his brother, J. B. Thomas, of Knoxville, N. Y., bearing date of March 23d, 1891. Nothing was found in the letter that could in any way throw light on the mysterious matter. An unfinished and unsigned letter under date of the 2d of the present month and addressed "Dear Brother" was also found. The letter was evidently written by Thomas but no mention was made as to his intention of committing suicide if he entertained any at that time.

The unfortunate man was about 30 years old, rather stout, and stood about 5 feet 6 inches. He wore a heavy dark mustache and was generally considered handsome. He is thought to have an acquaintance and friend named Will Hayes, who is said to reside in this city. With the exception of Hayes it is not known that he is intimately acquainted with anyone in this neighborhood. He was heard to say some time ago that he owned a house and lot in this city which he intended selling, but this has not yet been verified. His brother, who is a fruit dealer, has been telegraphed to, and the body will be held until a reply has been received.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Montana at Great Falls.

GREAT FALLS, May 17.—The grand lodge of Knights of Pythias met in regular session to-day at 10 a. m. in the Masonic hall. The following is a full list of the grand lodge officers and delegates: P. G. C., John L. Sloane, Missoula; G. C., James B. Galt, Butte; G. V. C., C. S. Whitney, Helena; G. M. of E., E. H. Talcott, Livingston; E. G. K. of R. and S., Jacob Leeb, Helena; G. M. at A., H. Ringwald, Great Falls; G. I. G., George Trevaile, Granite; G. O. G., George Fichen, Butte; Supreme Representative, J. E. Richards, Butte; Supreme Representative, L. A. Walker, Helena.

The following are the representatives of the grand lodge: Butte—Frank B. Thomas, Sam M. Flannery, W. H. Roberts, R. F. Turner, G. E. F. Duffett, W. E. Wright and J. H. Atkins. Bozeman—B. E. Vaill and John Dahlberg. Helena—O. W. Jackson and Jacob H. Hecker.

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Red Lodge—George M. Jones and Thomas H. Bailey.

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Elkhorn—O. L. Dinnebach and J. C. Harrington.

Lewistown—Charles A. Burg and Edgar G. Worden.

Sand Coulee—S. M. Moore and Pat Ferry.

The grandkeeper of records and seals reports the order in Montana to be steadily increasing in membership and is in an excellent financial condition. The revision of the constitution and by-laws is under consideration.

A grand ball was given at the Park hotel to-night. The visitors are loud in their praise of the hospitality of the Great Falls people.

OUR COLORED AMERICANS.

They Receive Favorable Consideration at the Methodist Conference.

OMAHA, May 17.—Bishop Bowman presided at this morning's session of the Methodist conference. The committee on itinerancy reported in favor of the abolition of the five-year limit on the appointment of pastors. It was recommended that bishops be permitted to appoint pastors every year without reference to the places to which the ministers have been assigned the previous year. As church law has stood for many years, the pastor could not remain at one place longer than five years in succession. The report was made a special order for to-morrow morning. The committee on the state of the church brought in a report fairly bristling with denunciation of the outrages practiced on the negroes in the South, and called on the government, states, church and all good citizens to rise and abolish these outrages. The resolution declared the colored people are treated shamefully on trains, hotels and were shot down like dogs, and the law of the land was trampled under foot by people who despised the colored race. The report caused a great stir. A number of delegates made vehement speeches, calling on the great Methodist church to sound the alarm and stand up firmly for the rights of the colored people. The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The report of the ballot for agents of the Cincinnati Book concern showed Dr. Earl Cranston the only one who had a majority of the votes cast. A second ballot was ordered for other agents. The committee on church extension, reading the report of the tellers reported, recommending that provisions be made for the kneeling of an audience during worship. The tellers on the vote for missionary secretaries announced the result, showing the election of McCabe, Peck and Leonard, who were secretaries during the past four years. The conference adjourned without getting the result of the second ballot for the agent of the Cincinnati Book concern.

Why He Is Happy. **CENTREVILLE, May 17.**—Mrs. J. W. Gilligan this evening presented her husband with a bouncing 14-pound boy, who is said to be the exact image of his father. In the delightful excitement naturally following such a momentous event, the general J. W. has forgotten all his sorrows, if he ever had any, and has partaken of the cup of bliss to such an extent that he is overflowing with happiness and is not even touching the high places in his joyful exultations. Mother and son are both doing nicely and hearty congratulations abound on every hand.

"Ivy Leaf." **BUTTE, May 17.**—A good house was out again to-night to see "Ivy Leaf" at Maquire's. The company is above the average in ability, and the scenery throughout every part of the play is excellent. "Ivy Leaf" will be repeated at the matinee to-morrow and at the evening performance. Reserved seats for the Rhea engagement will be put on sale at the box office Saturday. Rhea opens on Monday night.

Strung on a Branch. **ATLANTA, Ga., May 17.**—At Clarkville at 2 o'clock this morning a mob broke into the jail and took three negroes, charged with the murder of Night Policeman Carter Tedeco, last week, and hanged them all on one limb of a large oak tree. The negroes all protested their innocence.

"Little Tycoon." **BUTTE, May 17.**—A rehearsal of "Little Tycoon" will be held Thursday evening at 8:30 at the High school building. The rehearsal is called by Charles W. Lane and Charles J. Dwyer, who are getting up the opera independent of any former organization.

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ANOTHER BIG DAMAGE SUIT

The Boston & Montana Company Defendant in an Important Case—Special Commissioners Report.

BUTTE, May 17.—Another big damage suit will come up for trial in Department I. of the district court to-morrow, in which Charles M. Johnson, as administrator of the estate of William O'Connor, sues the Boston & Montana Mining company for \$3,000. The suit was commenced about two years ago in behalf of the widow and children of O'Connor, and grew out of the boiler explosion at the B. & M. smelter about three years ago, which resulted in the death of O'Connor and four others, three of whom were killed outright and the other two being so badly injured that they died within a few days after the explosion. The complaint in the case alleges negligence on the part of the mining company and charges that they used an old and unsafe boiler along with two new ones, and the defendants on the other hand claim that old boiler was as good as any, and that the explosion was not due to negligence. The plaintiff is represented by Thompson Campbell and D. E. Waldron, and Attorney Stapleton will appear for the Boston & Montana.

Commissioners' Report.

The commissioners appointed recently by Judge McHatten to assess the damages and valuation in the condemnation proceedings of the city against the Wade estate, filed their reports this morning. The property to be appropriated is wanted by the city for alley purposes from Academy street on Park to Galena. The commissioners report that they held a meeting on May 3, 1892, for the purpose of hearing evidence, and after carefully examining the property sought to be condemned, arrived at the conclusion that the appraised value of the property owned by the Wade estate is: The east 18 feet of lot 36, block 37, property of the estate of Malinda J. Wade, deceased, \$200 per foot, or \$3,600 in all; the east five and five-tenths feet of lot 19, block 37, property of the estate of James R. Wade and Malinda J. Wade, deceased, \$500 per foot, or \$2,750 in all; the west 12 and five-tenths feet of lot 18, block 37, property of the estate of James R. Wade and Malinda J. Wade, deceased, \$500 per foot, or \$2,750 in all; and a total valuation of the whole lot sought to be condemned of \$12,000. The damages to lots by reason of the severance of the parts or portions to be condemned is \$100 to lot 26 and \$100 to lots 19 and 18 in block 37.

Eighteen feet of lot 36, at \$25 a foot, will be benefitted \$450, and 29 feet, at \$50 a foot, of lot 18, will be benefitted \$1,475, or a total benefit of \$1,925, leaving a balance due for the property to be taken of \$10,075. The commissioners, Edwin H. Irwin, Isaac W. Stoner and Dan Jaeger, conclude their report by saying that they put in three days of work and were each entitled to \$10 a day.

In Department I.

A case in which Richard Williams sued W. R. Kenyon and others for \$750, a balance due for work done on the Old Glory mine, of which the defendants were lessees, came up to-day. Mrs. Anna B. McLean, one of the defendants, opposed the claim of Williams with a counter claim and denied that she was in partnership with Kenyon and Thompson, the other defendants. Attorney Baldwin represented Mrs. McLean and asked the court for leave to file an amended answer when the trial had already commenced. Attorney Cotter for the plaintiff said that if permission was given to file the answer he would have to ask a continuance of the case, to which delay Mr. Baldwin was willing, but Judge McHatten surprised him by saying that while he had a right to file an answer at this late time, yet if there was a delay of the case on account of it, the costs would be paid up to his client. Mr. Baldwin then agreed that the plaintiff could reply to the amended answer at any time during the process of the trial and it would be considered as having been filed before the trial commenced and the case was proceeded with. W. R. Kenyon, one of the defendants, was the first witness for the plaintiffs. He had paid his share of Williams' claim, but Mrs. McLean, who he said was a partner of the firm, had not. The case was not finished when court adjourned and will be continued to-morrow morning.

In the case of Andrew Rodoni against Constable Lytle, the defendant was granted 30 days' additional time to file a bill of exceptions and statement on motion for a new trial.

A stay of execution for five days was granted in the case of Robert Baumgarten against Joseph Weyerhorst to give the defendant time to move for a new trial.

An order was made to tax the costs to Timothy Murphy, the petitioner for a writ of certiorari against Justice Arnold, which was denied by Judge McHatten.

Department II. The appeal case of Edward Ayers was set for trial to-day, but he did not appear either in person or by counsel, and on motion of the county attorney the case was dismissed and the defendant's appeal bond forfeited. Ayers was convicted and fined in the police court on the charge of exhibiting a deadly weapon. It is the case where his wife deserted him to become a member of the Salvation army and he attempted to get her to return by using force and drawing a gun on some of the Salvationists for interfering. There being nothing else before the court it adjourned until Thursday morning, when the calendar will be called.

Business Habits. Within the last few years women have learned more business habits than they have in any previous time. It is not often that we have actually illustrated the ridiculous instances of woman's inability to comprehend ordinary business methods, such as used to be told of them. The woman who burned up her receipts, who made her accounts even by spending the last dollar of her allowance, who thought her account at the bank showed her surplus, who kept her check book was not all used up—these are instances of long ago, if, indeed, they were not myths. But the woman who prefers to let a little bill run at the grocer's when she could easily pay cash, who uses up the household allowances rapidly when it first comes in, only to skimp when it is yet not due, who buys supplies in small packages when she has money to buy in large amounts, and storage room enough for it, who weighs nothing in the way of supplies when they come, and who leaves her store closet open to any hired servant, still exists all over the country. Even she, no doubt, will learn better ways in time, but how many women are there who keep a regular set of simple household accounts, who make careful estimates of expenses to come and

prepare for them ahead, and who take frequent accounts of household stock? Many women will undertake the economy of turning a dress over and over to make it last longer, and returning a bonnet and redrawing stockings, yet few of them will provide for prompt repairing of furniture, refurnishing of battered kitchen utensils, rehanging of doors, reglazing of windows and other such remedial measures which, attended to early, will cost little and save much, not alone in actual money, but in comfort as well.

Women are engaging in all kinds of business, whether as dairymen, farm managers, saleswomen, physicians, nurses or deaconesses, and in all these a knowledge of ordinary system in money matters is a necessity. It is no less valuable, if not an absolute necessity, in that more general business to which the great majority of women are devoted—housekeeping.—*New York Tribune.*

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